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5 Arrested for DUI During First Weekend of NFL Playoff DUI Enforcement

Dover - Five people have been arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs during the first weekend of a statewide NFL Playoff enforcement mobilization, coordinated by the Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Delaware State Police made three of the DUI arrests, while Smyrna Police and the Georgetown Police made the other two during DUI saturation patrols conducted over the weekend. These agencies as well as the remaining 22 participating police agencies also issued 21 citations for seat belt violations and 336 citations for other criminal and traffic violations.

Throughout January, Twenty-six state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies will conduct saturation patrols on Saturdays and Sundays anywhere from 4 to 9 p.m. Additional saturation patrols will be scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday along with a sobriety checkpoint to be conducted by the New Castle County DUI Task Force.

"If you plan on drinking alcohol while enjoying the playoffs, pass your keys to a sober, designated driver before you leave the house," said Andrea Summers, Community Relations Officer for the Office of Highway Safety. "Follow the rules or law enforcement will penalize you for driving impaired."